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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : What I mean is we should have industrial experts and industrial organisers who will come forward from Malabar to take up this industry. I can assure the hon. Member that there will be no difficulty in utilizing the bamboo available for making writing paper.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House the following message, dated 23rd October 1956, received from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

" In accordance with rule 131 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1956) as passed by the Council on the 23rd October 1956, with the amendments set out in the Annexure and signed by me for the concurrence of the Assembly."

ANNEXURE.

Clause 2.

" *Omit* the Explanation to sub-section (1) of new section 3-A."

New clause after clause 7.

After clause 7, add the following as new clause 8 :—

" 8. *Insertion of new section 4-A in Madras Act XXX of* 1947.—After section 4 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

' 4-*A*. *Rent payable in respect of lands which are not ryoti or private.*—No person in an estate cultivating any land which is not ryoti land or which has not been decided to be private land under some prior proceedings or under the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act, 1947, as amended by the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Act, 1956, shall be bound to pay as rent in respect of that land at a rate exceeding that payable in respect of similar land which is ryoti land in the neighbourhood'. "

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of a motion under Rule 40 from Sri K. R. Viswanathan. As the hon. Member is not in his seat, it will be deemed to have been withdrawn.

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF—

(1) THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

9·30 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, on behalf of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, I beg to present the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the accounts of the State of Madras for the year 1953–54.

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It has not been possible to get the report printed and that is why a typed copy is placed before the House. Any hon. Member who is interested in it may go through it. But meanwhile, arrangements will be made for printing the report and distributing it to all the Members.

(2) THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.

SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Second Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation for the year 1955–56.

As the Hon. Leader of the House stated in the case of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee, printed copies of the report are not ready and so, typed copies of the same are circulated to the members. I request the House to condone for not supplying printed copies.

IV.—POINT OF INFORMATION *RE* PRESIDENT'S ASSENT TO FAIR RENT BILL AND THE MALABAR TENANCY BILL.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : Sir, I rise on a point of information from the Government. You will remember that at the last sitting of the House we passed two Bills which we all considered as of urgent importance, viz., the Fair Rent Bill and a Bill to amend the Malabar Tenancy Act. It is nearly about 25 days since the Bill had been passed and unfortunately yet the President's assent has not been received. There is naturally a lot of apprehension and also a certain amount of agitation in view of the activities of some interested people. I would like to know what the Madras Government have done in the matter in order to secure the assent of the President as early as possible.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am sorry, there was some delay in sending the Bills as passed by the Legislature to the Government of India due to unavoidable circumstances. We are aware that the assent of the President should be obtained before the 31st of this month, so that the provisions of these Bills will be applicable to the areas which will not form part of the Madras State after 1st November 1956. Therefore. Sir, all steps are being taken to get the assent of the President before this date.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ESTATES (SUPPLEMENTARY) BILL, 1956.

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I beg to introduce the Madras Estates (Supplementary) Bill *, 1956 and move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Sir, the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act 1947 and the Madras Estates (Abolition and Conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948, apply only to 'estates' as defined in the Estates Land

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